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Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Local

Subject: St. Tammany occupancy tax and local sales tax exemption

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Exempts from local sales and occupancy tax in St. Tammany Parish agreements to furnish for a period of 30 days or longer an accommodation, space, or lot which is in an overnight camping facility or trailer park. (7/1/10)

<u>Current law:</u> St. Tammany parish imposes an occupancy tax of 3% of lodging (along with \$1 per room in wards 8 and 9) on rooms and overnight camping facilities providing two or more rooms for transient guests. In addition, parking, including campers and trailers, for transient guests in St. Tammany Parish is subject to state and local sales and use tax. Parking is exempt from state and local sales tax if the space is engaged for more than 30 days. For purposes of the occupancy tax and sales tax, a transient guest is defined by rule. A permanent guest can be proven with a one year lease.

<u>Proposed law:</u> By removing those with lease agreements of 30 days or more from the definition of transient guest, this bill exempts any person renting space in an overnight camping facility or trailer park with a lease or agreement for 30 days or more from the occupancy tax in St. Tammany parish. Proposed law also specifies that local sales and use tax for parking will not apply to those leasing space for 30 days or more.

Effective on July 1, 2010

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EXPENDITURES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill provides an exemption from the occupancy tax for those in lease arrangements at a campground or trailer park for 30 days or more. Local sales tax related to parking is already exempt with an arrangement or lease spanning more than 30 days, a one day discrepancy. According to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, there are currently 9 vendors that could be impacted by this bill with total remittances of local sales and occupancy tax of about \$100,000 per year. Of the 9 vendors, 8 are registered and 7 are remitting. One is neither registered nor remitting. The Parish is unable to determine how much of these remittances are related to stays in excess of 30 days. To the extent that current remittances are related to stays in excess of 30 days, local revenue will decrease.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>
13.5.1 >= \$100	,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
13.5.2 >= \$500,	,000 Annual Tax or Fee
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